

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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UNESCO S CONCERN OVER HISTORICAL SITES

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)

(b)

(c) whether the UNESCO has expressed its concern over the conservation works of several historical sites / monuments of India; if so, the details thereof and the reactions of the Government thereon; and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c) UNESCO had recently expressed its concern over certain proposed conservation / restoration works at the Ajanta Caves. Archaeological Survey of India has informed UNESCO that suitable precautions would be taken during the execution of conservation works at Ajanta, which are undertaken only after their approval by the Panel of Experts constituted for the purpose.